

OPINION 2164 (Case 3328)***Didelphis* Linnaeus, 1758 (Mammalia, DIDELPHIDAE): gender corrected to feminine, and *Cryptotis* Pomel, 1848 (Mammalia, SORICIDAE): gender fixed as masculine**

Abstract. The Commission has ruled that the entry on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology for the nominal genus *Didelphis* Linnaeus, 1758 is amended from masculine to feminine, as originally used by Linnaeus, and that the gender of the nominal genus *Cryptotis* Pomel, 1848 is fixed as masculine.

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Ruling

- (1) It is hereby ruled:
 - (a) under the plenary power that the entry on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology for *Didelphis* Linnaeus, 1758 is amended to record that the gender is corrected from masculine to feminine;
 - (b) that the gender of the name *Cryptotis* Pomel, 1848 is masculine.
- (2) The name *Cryptotis* Pomel, 1848 (gender: masculine), type species by monotypy *Sorex cinereus* Bachman, 1837, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.

History of Case 3328

An application to amend the entry on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology for the nominal genus *Didelphis* Linnaeus, 1758 from masculine to feminine, and to fix the gender of the nominal genus *Cryptotis* Pomel, 1848 as masculine, was received from Alfred L. Gardner (*USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC 20013-7012, U.S.A.*) on 10 September 2004. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 62: 142-145 (September 2005). The title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission's website. No comments on this case were received.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 June 2006 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 62: 143. At the close of the voting period on 1 September 2006 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes – 17: Alonso-Zarazaga, Bock, Brothers, Halliday, Kerzhner, Lamas, Macpherson, Mahner, Mawatari, Minelli, Ng, Papp, Patterson, Rosenberg, Song, Štys and van Tol.

Negative votes – none.

No vote was received from Bouchet.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List or amended by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

- Cryptotis* Pomel, 1848, *Archive des Sciences Physiques et Naturelles, Genève*, **9**: 249.
Didelphis Linnaeus, 1758, *Systema Naturae*, Ed. 10, vol. 1, pp. 54–55.